

TRUTHS.

The Tribune in commenting on the Land registration says:

"Provided the proceedings are free from collusion or favoritism, the drawings will give an important beneficial impulse to the State" * * * * *

"It is probable, if there is no fraud, that a considerable number of 'outsiders' will be able to find lodgement in the Uintah Country by reason of these registrations and drawings."

This coming from a paper whose manager is the U. S. District Attorney is significant. The persons in charge of the registration and drawing should be men of the highest character and their integrity unimpeached. If the U. S. District Attorney's paper knows to the contrary or suspects that fraud is going to be committed, as the Tribune insinuates its duty to the public is plain. The men who conduct the drawing, like Caesar's wife should be above suspicion. Will they be if this statement of the U. S. District Attorney's paper goes unchallenged? We think not. Such insinuations as the above are likely to create distrust and dissatisfaction in the breasts of every disappointed person who fails to draw a lucky number and cries of fraud and dissatisfaction will be in the air.

Why this man, Lippman, a renegade Republican, is allowed to remain in office, while his paper is blackguarding and libeling every official from the President down, is a mystery. It is about time the Senators of this State took some action in the matter.

Mr. Igleheart, the manager of the Herald, will continue in the future as in the past, to take his orders from an Israelite. His instructions however, will be from Simon the pure instead of Joseph the renegade.

United States Attorney Lippman will have more time to attend to his duties now that he has ceased to dictate the policy of the Herald.

Simon did not have charge of the Herald a week, before Bamberger and his man Friday Critchlow, was written all over the City Administration.

The present city administration is the most extravagant one in the history of the city. While the State and County officials have left their rate of tax the same; the City Council and Mayor have raised the city tax to 11 mills. The people will be heard from no doubt when they receive their tax notices.

The poor Tribune wails over the departure of the Herald from under its wings, like a coyote over a lost bone.

The loss of the Herald to Kearns, is felt very keenly by Lippman. It was awfully cruel of Senator Clark to throw down Tom. The Herald has come in very handy for Lippman in the past to confirm the yellow trash published in the Tribune. Clark is no philanthropist and the sudden flop of the Herald shows that he is about through with Kearns and Kieth, and their gang of knockers, and as in the past he is going to work for Clark.

The voters of the Second precinct are incensed over the actions of Councilman Wood. He could have obtained valuable concessions in extensions of street car service in his precinct from the Utah Light and Railway Co., if he had seen fit to have done so. Instead of working for the benefit of his precinct, it is rumored that his whole opposition to the franchise was based on the promise of certain individuals that if he was nominated on the Republican ticket, the American party would endorse him. The taxpayers of the Second Precinct are aching to get a chance at Mr. Wood.

It is stated on good authority that Senator Clark of Montana is now the sole proprietor of the Herald, having lately purchased Keith and Kearns' interest in that paper. In return it is said, Mr. Clark transferred his interests in the Tribune to the above pair.

All efforts, legal and otherwise, to prevent the passage of the amended franchise for the Utah Light & Power company failed and the ordinance is now law.

The first step was in an injunction proceeding brought by Allen T. Sanford, attorney for Thomas Homer, restraining Messrs. Wells, Tuddenham and Barnes from voting to grant the extension. This complaint was filed with the clerk of the court about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Stripped of its legal verbiage the complaint sets up that the plaintiff is a taxpayer and brings the action on behalf of himself and other citizens of the city. That the defendants are "members of the city council * * * and members and officers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints." That the Utah Light & Railway company is a corporation organized for purposes which need not be repeated in this narrative, and that it is seeking for a franchise, or an extension of its present franchises.

"That the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is a voluntary association of individuals banded together for commercial and religious purposes and that said church, according to its rules and regulations, holds a conference of its members and officers at

Salt Lake City, Utah, semi-annually, and has done so for a number of years last past, and it has been the custom of said church, at said conference, to elect the then president of the church to the position of trustee-in-trust for the members of the church, and said trustee in trust is authorized in behalf of said church and its members, to transact in his name as trustee-in-trust the business of the church and enter into such contracts as he deems proper, for the promotion of the commercial interests of the church and its members, and he is elected to said position by a vote of the members attending said conference, and plaintiff is informed and believes that Joseph F. Smith, as trustee-in-trust holds and controls and has the legal title to a part of the stock of the Utah Light & Railway company, which is held nevertheless for the benefit in part of the defendants and other members of said church."

Plaintiff alleged that all of the property of the Utah Light & Railway company is mortgaged for about \$6,300,000, while it is actually worth, or does not exceed in value \$4,000,000. That in 1895 Wilford Woodruff, trustee in trust for defendants and other members of the church, guaranteed the payment of \$1,000,000 in bonds and that through sales and transfers this is still an existing obligation.

That Rulon S. Wells is one of the high officers of the church, being one of the seven presidents of the seventies, and as such receives a reasonable compensation for services out of the funds partially derived from the investments, including the Utah Light & Railway company's stock. That defendants Barnes and Tuddenham are bishop's counsellors and as such draw compensation in much the same manner.

That the votes of said members granting the franchise would be illegal and would work an irreparable wrong to plaintiff and that if defendants are restrained such franchise will not pass.

The order to show cause was made returnable August 19 at 10 a. m. before Judge Morse, but Judge Dey and Hon. Le Grand Young, acting for the three councilmen, succeeded in getting Judge Armstrong to consent to a night session and at 15 minutes to 12 the injunction was vacated.

Messrs. Barnes, Wells and Tuddenham were sworn and examined. The testimony demonstrated that Wells is a member of the seventies, while the others are bishops' counsellors. These last two testified that they received no compensation for services, while Mr. Wells admitted that his expenses were paid when he was absent from the city. All three averred that they owned no stock in the company, nor did any one, especially Joseph F. Smith, hold any stock in trust for

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